

AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR 019/2026

INTRODUCTION OF TIME ZONE CHANGES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, ALBERTA AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Background

The Provinces of British Columbia (BC) and Alberta, and the Northwest Territories have officially ended time changes and adopted a single time zone factor. Effective November 2026, the new time zone factor will be set to UTC-7 hours in the majority of BC, and UTC-6 hours in Alberta and the Northwest Territories year-round.

As of the publication of this AIC, parts of the South-East region of BC (East Kootenay and Golden region) have either indicated that they will observe UTC-6 hours to align with Alberta or have yet to make an official announcement regarding their intentions.

Impact on Aeronautical Information Products

Several Canadian aeronautical information products will be amended to reflect the new time zone factors:

- Canada Flight Supplement (CFS) and Canada Water Aerodrome Supplement (CWAS), Section B Aerodrome/Facility Directory for time zone and hours of operation for applicable aerodromes;
- CFS and CWAS, Section A (General) for time zone factors;
- Enroute high and low charts;
- AIP CANADA GEN 2.1.2.

Transition Timeline

NAV CANADA will be progressively amending publications to reflect the amended time zones at aerodromes and on charts in BC, Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

It is anticipated that the complete change to the publications for the majority of BC will occur on 29 October 2026. For Alberta, the Northwest Territories and remaining parts of BC, the implementation of these changes is expected by 24 December 2026. During the transition period, users should be aware that the published time zone information may not be accurate.

Additional Considerations

NAV CANADA is monitoring changes to other provinces and territories and will update publications accordingly. As other provinces and territories may follow at short notice, users should be aware that the aeronautical information products may not always reflect the most accurate data.

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